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SERIAL NO: 09/753,863 Examiner: TREMBLAY
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TITLE: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR BAR CODE DATA INTERCHANGE

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
BEFORE MAILING DATE OF EITHER A FINAL ACTION
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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This information disclosure statement is being filed *before* the mailing date of either a final action under § 1.113 or a notice of allowance under § 1.311, whichever occurs first.

Attached are Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449) listing the relevant art known to the applicant herein. The Examiner is requested to consider the references and make them of record. This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application Serial No. 60/174,220, filed on January 3, 2000. This application also relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior applications Serial No. 60/213,843, filed on June 23, 2000 and Serial No. 60/232,825 filed on September 15, 2000.

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information, of which they are aware that they believe may be material to the examination of this application, and in respect of which, there may be a duty to disclose. Legible copies of all items listed in Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449) accompany this information statement.

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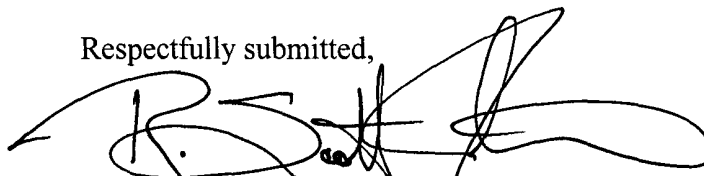

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Respectfully submitted,

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